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Budget: During 1971-72 a sum of Rs.1,45,345 was spent out of a budget provision of Rs.1,64,700 on the non-Plan side, and a sum of Rs. 55,263 was spent out of a budget provision of Rs.62,000 on the plan side. For 1972-73 a provision of Rs.1,62,800 has been made in the budget on the non-Plan side and Rs. 69,700 on the plan side. The likely items of expenditure are purchase of card board boxes, laminating tissue, cellulose acetate foil etc.

Building: The new building of the State Archives at Lucknow is almost ready. It has been equipped with modern amenities.

Accession of Records: In all 1,244 volumes and 19 files of Home (1860-1929); Home (Police) 'B', (1930); Political (1860-1934); General Administration (1860-1931); Revenue "A" (1920) and Education (1930) Departments were received. Microfilm copies of Persian manuscripts 'Tuhfa-i-Taza' from Khuda Bux Library, Patna and of Duncan Campbell Papers, Nana Saheb's correspondence, letters from Governor General to the Court of Directors (1785) and Lala Lajpat Rai Collection were also acquired from the National Archives of India.

Arrangement of Records: 1,077 files and 1,244 volumes of Home, Home (Police), Political, General Administration, Revenue, Education, Agriculture, Appointment, Cooperative, Forest, Industries, P.W.D., Legislative, Public Health, Medical Municipal, Judicial, Criminal and Excise Departments were arranged.

Research and Reference: 31 scholars availed themselves of research facilities.

Reference Media: Detailed Inventories of 1,263 items of Home (Police), Political, General Administration, Revenue and Education Departments were prepared.

Detailed inventories of 8,297 items of Rampur District records were also prepared.

Publication Programme: Two publications viz. (i) Mughal Farmans, Vol.I and (ii) Female Infanticide in N.W.P. and Oudh were sent to the press.

Preservation of Records: 1,476 sheets were flattened and 3,200 sheets were guarded. 1,476 papers were repaired with tissue paper and 3,660 papers were repaired with chiffon. 9,560 sheets were repaired with acetate foil and 131 volumes were bound. Photo duplication of 243 sheets was also done.

Library: 62 books were acquired, which include two pre-1900 publications.

Other Important Activities:

(i) Archival Exhibition - An 'Archives Exhibition' was organised in the 'Red-Hall' of the Sanskrit University, Varanasi from 15 to 18 February 1972. Important documents relating to the history of Varanasi, National Movement, Revolt of 1857, farmans of Mughal Emperors, Sanskrit and Persian manuscripts and photo copies of private papers of

Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Madan Mohan Malaviya, Purshottam Das Tandon and Prem Chand were displayed. Besides, scientific processes of preservation of records were also shown to the public.

(ii) U.P. Regional Records Survey Committee - A meeting was held in the Sanskrit University, Varanasi on 15 February 1972 under the chairmanship of Shri P.D.Tandon, State Minister for Information, Cultural Affairs and Scientific Research. It considered the recommendations of the meetings of its Purchase Committee held on 5 and 6 January 1971 in the Archaeological Museum, Mathura and on 31 January 1972 in the State Archives, Allahabad. It approved the purchase of 44 manuscripts and 79 documents at a cost of Rs.1,694, but only 41 manuscripts and 25 documents could be acquired at a cost of Rs.1,224, as owners did not agree to sell some of the manuscripts and documents on the recommended price.

(iii) Visits - Dr. S.N. Prasad, Director, National Archives of India, visited this office on 25 and 26 August 1971 on the request of Uttar Pradesh Government to give his suggestions regarding reorganisation of the State Archives. He also discussed with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of the Cultural Affairs and Scientific Research Department regarding the various problems of the U.P. State Archives.

The Keeper of U.P. State Archives attended the 41st session of the Indian Historical Records Commission, the 25th meeting of the National Committee of Archivists and the Committee on the National Register of Records at Trivandrum from 9 to 12 October 1971. He inspected the private papers of Shri Benarsi Prasad Chaturvedi at Firozabad on 13 and 14 May 1971 and the records preserved in the custody of Maharaja of Benares at Ramnagar Fort on 30 and 31 July 1971.

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